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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

William C. McChord House

AND/OR COMMON

McChord Place

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

202 Lincoln Park Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Springfield

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2

STATE

Kentucky

VICINITY OF

CODE
021

COUNTY

Washington

CODE

229

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. E. O. Kelly, Jr.

STREET & NUMBER

"Simmstown"

CITY, TOWN

Springfield

STATE

Kentucky

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Springfield

STATE

Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky

DATE

1978

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located on the northwest corner of Lincoln Park Road and McChord Street Alley, the William C. McChord House is within one block of the courthouse and the downtown commercial area of Springfield, Kentucky. Springfield, with a population of approximately 3,000 persons, is the governmental seat of Washington County, an agricultural county on the western edge of the Bluegrass region.

Built in 1902, this one and one-half story, weatherboarded residence (see photo 1) is a modest reflection of the influence of the Queen Anne and Eastlake styles. The multi-gabled structure with projecting bays rests on a low foundation of brick. A one-story porch with wooden balustrade extends across two-thirds of the facade, sheltering the main entrance and wrapping partially around the southeast bay of the structure. The porch roof is pedimented over the entrance and embodies a polygonal form over the southeast corner. The northern portion of the facade consists of a semi-octagonal bay with a gabled roof. Fish scale shingles are incorporated in the gable which is pierced by a single-pane, sash window. A leaded glass window, similar to the sidelights flanking the front door, is located in the facade of the bay, and brackets are visible under the eaves.

The interior plan consists of a generally symmetrical scheme, embodying a central hall (9x35 feet) and six major rooms downstairs (see floor plan). Two rooms with fireplaces are located on each side of the hall. The original pine floors, oak trim and mantles, and hardware have been retained throughout the house. Cast iron grate covers displaying Art Nouveau designs remain in the fireplaces (see photos 3, 4, 5, and 6). At the rear of the hall are two doors leading to the dining room and kitchen area (see photo 7). Door and window trim in the kitchen embodies concentric circle corner blocks. A staircase on the rear, south porch leads to the second level which consists of a hall and two rooms. Woodwork here matches that found in the kitchen.

Three outbuildings remain on the property. Immediately south of the house on the McChord Street Alley is a two-room, brick law office (see photo 8) erected at the time the house was built. The structure is two bays wide and two bays deep with a central chimney. Engaged, brick piers visually strengthen the corners and delineate the division between the rooms. Brick corbelling is visible beneath the eaves line. Marbelized, cast iron mantles and egg-and-dart crown molding have been retained on the interior.

A frame, gabled tool shed is located behind the law office to the southwest of the house (see photo 9)

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES **1902**

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The William C. McChord House is significant in being an unaltered and relatively well-preserved local expression of the Queen Anne and Eastlake styles. As such, it is among the few remaining examples of its type in the vicinity of Springfield that retains such a substantial amount of its original architectural integrity. Additional historical significance is attained through the house's association with locally prominent attorney and politician, William C. McChord.

Located on the edge of the business section of downtown Springfield, the multi-gabled structure with its horizontal siding and fish scale shingles, projecting dormer and bays, and wrap-around porch with polygonal roof reflects the influence of the Queen Anne taste. The decorative elements of the exterior are imbued with modified elements of the Eastlake tradition as may be seen in the round porch posts and plain brackets, the turned spindles of the balustrade, and the scrolled brackets of the projecting bay. These stylized features reveal the more robust quality of the Eastlake school as compared to the delicacy of the earlier Gothic Revival.

William C. McChord (1850-1928) built this one and one-half story, frame house and the adjoining law office in 1902 on one-third of town lot #10 which he had purchased the previous year from Lucy Kimball (Washington County Deed Book 47, p. 398). The son of Robert C. and Laura Hynes McChord, William was born in Washington County and attended Centre College in Danville, Kentucky before his admittance to the bar in 1871. McChord became master commissioner of Washington County in 1874 and was also elected county attorney, an office he held for eight years. By 1875, McChord had established a private law practice, and on January 14, 1875, he married Nannie McElroy of neighboring Nelson County.

McChord was responsible for securing the extension of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad line to Springfield in 1888 and became the local attorney for the railroad company, a position he held until his death. In addition, he was instrumental in securing telephone, electric light, and water systems for Springfield. McChord supported local tobacco farmers, drafting the charter of the Burley Tobacco Growers Association. In 1888, McChord was elected to the state legislature and was appointed a delegate to the state constitutional convention the following year. He also served on the commission to revise the state's statutory law.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

McChord, J. H. The McChords of Kentucky and Some Related Families. Louisville: Westerfield - Bonte Company, 1941.

Washington County Deed Book 47

Westerfield, Thomas W., ed. Kentucky Geneology and Biography, Vol. V. Owensboro, Kentucky: 1975.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 6	6 5 6 8 0 0	4 1 1 7 2 2 7 0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C			

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated area included a rectangular lot 67 x 180 feet, bounded by Lincoln Park Road on the west, an alley on the south, and the property lines to the east and south.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Charlotte Schneider, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Kentucky Heritage Commission

DATE

1978

STREET & NUMBER

104 Bridge Street

TELEPHONE

(502) 564-3741

CITY OR TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Edward W. Keeton

TITLE

DATE

10-19-78

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Cheryl G. Johnson

DATE

12-11-78

ATTEST:

Jane H. Gilmore

KEEPER OF

DATE

12/8/78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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The servant's quarters/carriage house (see photo 10) is a one and one-half story, gable-roofed, frame structure with a shed-roofed extension for housing vehicles. The gable consists of a variety of types of fish scale shingles and remnants of a delicate barge-board. A pedimented porch was apparently added and then removed. The interior contains one room downstairs with a fireplace and enclosed corner stairs with winders leading to the second level. On the north side is the shed extension for storing carriages and later automobiles.

The house and dependencies are structurally sound but require renovation which is currently being initiated by the owner.

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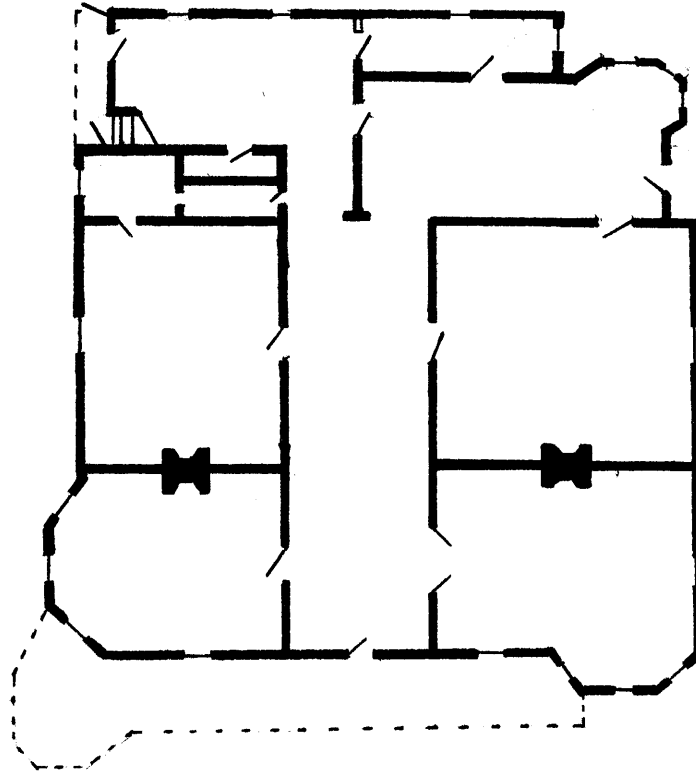
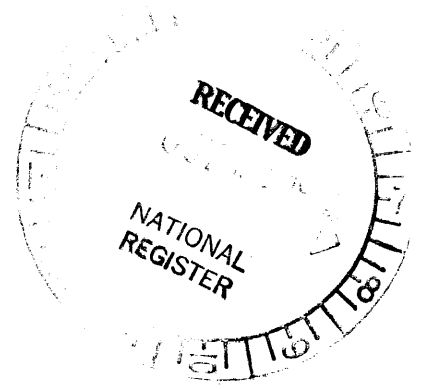
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In 1902, McChord moved from his farm outside Springfield to the house he had built and continued his law practice in Springfield from the brick office until a few months before his death in 1928.

Having been subjected to years of neglect, the William C. McChord House is now undergoing a sympathetic rehabilitation, and has become a focal point of local architectural and historical significance for the residents of Springfield.



William C. McChord House
Springfield
Washington County
Kentucky

Not to scale.

William C. McChord House
Springfield, Washington County
Kentucky
Map 3
Charlotte Schneider
Kentucky Heritage Commission
Frankfort, Kentucky
August 1978

Floor plan of McChord House
Not to scale

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